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**FATALITY
REVIEW
EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY
FY 2014**

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FATALITY REVIEW EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

JULY 1, 2013– JUNE 30, 2014

Department of Human Services (DHS) Fatality Review Policy requires a review of the deaths of all individuals for whom there is an open DHS case at the time of death or in cases where the individuals or their families have received services through DHS within 12 months preceding the death. Information obtained from case reviews provides insight into systemic strengths and highlights areas in which changes or modifications could enhance systemic response to client needs.

During FY 2014, 214 deaths of current or past DHS clients were reported to the Office of Services Review (OSR). There were seven suicide deaths (3%) and six homicides (3%). The deaths of sixteen individuals (7%) were ruled accidental. The reviews indicate that abuse and/or neglect were contributing factors in seven (3%) of the 214 deaths. The Division of Child and Family Services reported six children who died as the direct result of abuse or neglect by their parents, caretakers, or family members. One individual receiving services through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) died as a result of complications of non-accidental head trauma inflicted by a parent when the individual was a child.

Of the 37 fatalities reported by DCFS, 28 formal committee reviews were held (76%) and nine reviews were waived (24%), with no reviews pending. Twenty-nine of the 57 reported DSPD fatalities were reviewed (51%), 26 reviews were waived (46%), with two reviews pending (3%). One Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) fatality was reviewed (100%). On-site reviews were held for the five reported Utah State Developmental Center (USDC) fatalities (100%). Utah State Hospital (USH) conducted on-site reviews for its two reported fatalities (100%).

The deaths of 73 individuals who received services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) were reported. One individual (1%) was receiving services through DSPD and one individual (1%) was receiving services through USDC at the time they received services through DAAS.

The Office of Public Guardian (OPG) reported the deaths of 14 individuals for whom they provided services. Three of these individuals (21%) were also receiving services through DSPD at the time of death, and four individuals (29%) were also receiving services through USDC. Full committee reviews were held for these seven individuals. OPG provided the Fatality Review Coordinator with comprehensive written reports detailing services provided by that office and information relating to the deaths of their 14 clients (100%).

The Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSA/MH) reported the deaths of 35 individuals who were receiving services prior to their deaths or who had received services within twelve months of their deaths. One DSA/MH client (3%) was also receiving services through DCFS; two individuals (7%) were receiving services through DSPD; one individual (3%) was receiving services through DAAS; and one individual (3%) was receiving services through both DSPD and OPG.

There were 109 (51%) reported deaths of male clients and 105 (49%) reported deaths of female clients. Reported deaths included 16 infants (7%) under the age of one year; 29 individuals (13.5%) between the ages of one to 19 years; 46 individuals (21%) between the ages of 20 to 49 years; 45 individuals (21%) between the ages of 50 to 69 years; 69 individuals (32%) between the ages of 70 to 89 years, and 9 individuals (4%) between the ages of 90 to 100 years.

Included in the 214 reported fatalities were three (1%) Native Americans, three (1%) Asians, three (1%) Black/African Americans, 198 (92%) Caucasians, and ten (5%) Hispanics.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION SUMMARY
FY 2014

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Number of Reported Deaths	Cases Open at Time of Death	Committee Reviews Held	Committee Reviews Waived	Reviews Pending	Male	Female
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	214	173	65	42	2	109	105
DAAS (<i>Division of Aging and Adult Services</i>)	73	64	N/A	N/A	N/A	36	37
DCFS (<i>Division of Child and Family Services</i>)	35	12	26	9	0	20	15
DCFS/DSA/MH (<i>Division of Child and Family Services/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</i>)	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
DCFS/DSPD (<i>Division of Child and Family Services/Division of Services for People with Disabilities</i>)	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
DJJS (<i>Division of Juvenile Justice Services</i>)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
DSA/MH (<i>Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</i>)	32	26	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	9
DSPD – COMMUNITY PLACEMENT (<i>Division of Services for People with Disabilities</i>)	51	51	24	25	2	18	33
DSPD/DAAS (<i>Division of Services for People with Disabilities/Division of Aging and Adult Services</i>)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
DSPD/DSA/MH (<i>Division of Services for People with Disabilities/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</i>)	2	2	2	0	0	2	0
DSPD/OPG (<i>Division of Services for People with Disabilities/Office of Public Guardian</i>)	2	2	1	1	0	1	1
DSPD/OPG/DSA/MH (<i>Division of Services for People with Disabilities/Office of Public Guardian/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health</i>)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0

OPG (<i>Office of Public Guardian</i>)	7	7	0	7	0	2	5
USDC/DAAS (<i>Utah State Developmental Center/Division of Aging and Adult Services</i>)	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
USDC/OPG (<i>Utah State Developmental Center/Office of Public Guardian</i>)	4	4	4	0	0	2	2
USH (<i>Utah State Hospital</i>)	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
USH/DSPD (<i>Utah State Hospital/Division of Services for People with Disabilities</i>)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0

CHART I
FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON
FY 2010 – FY 2014

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY2014
DHS Reported Deaths	168	207	192	191	214
DAAS	33	36	54	57	73
DCFS	38	52	41	28	35
DCFS/DSPD	2	0	1	1	1
DCFS/DSA/MH		1	1		1
DJJS	1	1		1	1
DJJS/DCFS	3	1			
DJJS/DSA/MH			1		
DSA/MH	11	44	15	18	32
DSPD	56	44	59	64	51
DSPD/DAAS			2	1	1
DSPD/DSA/MH	4	1		1	2
DSPD/OPG		6	1	4	2
DSPD/OPG/DSA/MH					1
OPG	9	11	13	11	7
USDC	4	3	3	3	
USDC/DAAS					1
USDC/OPG	3	6		1	4
USH	4	1	1	1	1
USH/DSPD					1
Cases Open at Time of Death	128	157	157	157	173
Cases Reviewed	115	116	109	105	109
Abuse & Neglect Deaths	2	10	11	6	7
Accidental Deaths	19	29	15	9	16
Homicides	1	8	5	2	6
Motor Vehicle or Auto/Pedestrian Accidents	7	11	3	1	5
Suicides	12	10	5	13	7
Could Not Be Determined	10	4	11	4	11

CHART II
AGE AT TIME OF DEATH
FY 2014

AGE IN YEARS	DHS	DAAS	DCFS	DCFS/ DSA/ MH	DCFS/ DSPD	DJJS	DSPD	DSPD/ DAAS	DSA/ MH	DSPD/ DSA/ MH	DSPD/ OPG	OPG	USDC/ DAAS	USDC/ OPG	USH	USH/ DSPD
< 1	16		16													
1 - 3	8		8													
4 - 6	1		1													
7 - 10	5		4				1									
11 - 14	2		1				1									
15 - 19	13		5	1	1	1	3	1		1						
20 - 29	17						11		5							1
30 - 39	13						4		9							
40 - 49	16						6		5	1		2		1	1	
50 - 59	29	1					14		9		1	2		2		
60 - 69	16	8					4		2		1			1		
70 - 79	34	24					6		2			1	1			
80 - 89	35	32					1				1	1				
90 - 100	9	8										1				
TOTALS	214	73	35	1	1	1	51	1	32	2	3	7	1	4	1	1

**CHART III
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS
FY 2014**

CAUSE OF DEATH	DHS	GENDER	AGE	DIVISION
Asphyxia	3			
Choking		Female	51	DSPD
Co-sleeping		Female	6 weeks	DCFS
Compressional		Female	7 weeks	DCFS
BFI of Neck	1			
		Male	62	DAAS
Drug Toxicity	4			
		Female	17	DCFS
		Male	34	DSA/MH
		Male	36	DSA/MH
		Male	56	DSA/MH
Ground-level Fall	2			
		Female	54	DSA/MH
		Male	64	DAAS
Auto/Pedestrian Accident	2			
		Male	7	DCFS
		Male	19	DSPD/DAAS
Motor Vehicle Accident	2			
		Female	18	DJJS
		Male	23	DSPD
Train/Pedestrian Accident	1			
		Male	27	DSPD
Water Intoxication	1			
		Male	16	DSPD/DSA/MH
TOTAL	16			

**CHART IV
HOMICIDE DEATHS
FY 2014**

MANNER OF HOMICIDE	DHS	GENDER	AGE	DIVISION
Asphyxia	1			
		Male	2	DCFS
Blunt Force Injuries	2			
		Male	1	DCFS
		Male	2	DCFS
Multiple Stab Wounds	2			
		Male	4	DCFS
		Male	10	DCFS
Drug Toxicity	1			
		Female	8 months	DCFS
TOTAL	6			

**CHART V
SUICIDE DEATHS
FY 2014**

MANNER OF SUICIDE	DHS	GENDER	AGE	DIVISION
Asphyxia (Hanging)	4			
		Female	16	DCFS
		Female	16	DCFS
		Male	24	DSA/MH
		Male	37	DSA/MH
Drug Toxicity	2			
		Male	41	DSA/MH
		Male	46	DSA/MH
Gunshot Wound	1			
		Male	56	DSA/MH
TOTAL	7			

**CHART VI
ABUSE/NEGLECT DEATHS
FY 2014**

CAUSE OF DEATH	DHS	GENDER	AGE	DIVISION
Asphyxia	1			
		Male	2	DCFS
Blunt Force Injuries	2			
		Male	1	DCFS
		Male	2	DCFS
Multiple Stab Wounds	2			
		Male	4	DCFS
		Male	11	DCFS
Drug Toxicity	1			
		Female	8 months	DCFS
Non-accidental Head Trauma	1			
		Male	21	DSPD
TOTAL	7			

**CHART VII
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S DETERMINATION
MANNER OF DEATH
FY 2014**

MANNER OF DEATH	DHS	DAAS	DCFS	DCFS/ DSA/ MH	DCFS / DSPD	DJJS	D S P D	DSPD/ D A A S	DSA/ MH	DSPD/ DSA/ MH	DSPD/ OPG	OPG	USDC/ DAAS	USDC/ OPG	USH	USH/ DSPD
Accident	16	2	3	1		1	3	1	4	1						
Can Not Be Determined	11		7						4							
Homicide	6		6													
Natural Causes	171	70	16		1		48		18	1	3	7	1	4	1	1
Pending	3	1	1						1							
Suicide	7		2						5							
TOTALS	214	73	35	1	1	1	51	1	32	2	3	7	1	4	1	1

**CHART VIII
DECEDENTS' RACE
FY 2014**

RACE	DHS	DAAS	DCFS	DCFS /DSA /MH	DCFS/ DSPD	DJJS	DSA/ MH	DSPD	DSPD/ DAAS	DSPD /DSA/ MH	DSPD /OPG	DSPD /OPG /DSA/ MH	OPG	USDC/ DAAS	USDC /OPG	USH	USH/ DSPD
AMERICAN INDIAN																	
Navajo	1		1														
Northern Ute	2							1	1								
ASIAN	1							1									
Chinese	1		1														
Phillipino	1		1														
Syrian	1						1										
BLACK	3		2		1												
BOSNIAN	1	1															
CAUCASIAN	198	67	25	1			30	47		2	2	1	4	1	4	1	1
CHILEAN	1	1															
HISPANIC	3					1							2				
Mexican	7	3	1				1	1					1				
PACIFIC ISLANDER																	
Samoan	2	1	1														
Tongan	1		1														
PORTUGUESE	1		1														
SPANISH	1		1					1									
TOTAL	214	73	35	1	1	1	32	51	1	2	2	1	7	1	4	1	1

CHART IX
FATALITIES BY DIVISION AND REGION
FY 2014

DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

REGION	TOTAL
Central	36
Northern	15
Southern	22
TOTAL	73

DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

REGION	TOTAL
Eastern	0
Northern	13
Salt Lake Valley	15
Southwest	2
Western	7
TOTAL	37

DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES

REGION	TOTAL
Region II	1
TOTAL	1

**DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES
COMMUNITY BASED and
UTAH STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER (USDC)**

REGION	TOTAL
Central	22
Northern	16
Southern	19
	57
USDC	1
USDC/OPG	4
	5
TOTAL	62

OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN

REGION	TOTAL
Central	
OPG	7
OPG/DSPD	3
OPG/USDC	4
TOTAL	14

**DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH
UTAH STATE HOSPITAL**

REGION	TOTAL
CENTRAL	2
SOUTHERN	5
WESTERN	25
	32
USH	1
USH/DSPD	1
	2
TOTAL	34